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SUBJECT: UN CHARTER REVIEW

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1. UN CHARTER REVIEW COMITE MET IN OPEN PLENARY FEB. 25 FOR INTRODUCTION OF GONZALEZ GALVEZ (MEXICO) LIST AS DOC A/AC.182/L.12 (COPY POUCHED HARTLEY-UNP). FRENCH POINTED OUT DOCUMENT ONLY AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND SAID THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO ITS INFORMAL INTRODUCTION BUT THEY WOULD COMMENT ON IT AT LATER DATE.

2. GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID HE WOULD MERELY MAKE SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE PAPER. HE SAID THAT THE CO-SPONSORS (ALGERIA, COLOMBIA, CYPRUS, ECUADOR, EGYPT, KENYA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, SIERRA LEONE AND YUGOSLAVIA) WERE NOT ONLY ONES INVOLVED IN ITS PROCESSING; THAT THE PURPOSE IS TO FOCUS THE COMITE ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS; THAT THE CO-SPONSORS DIDN'T WANT OR ASK FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PAPER IN ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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ENTIRELY IN THIS SESSION, BUT WANTED TO ANNEX IT TO COMITE REPORT THIS YEAR AND TO DISCUSS IT NEXT SESSION ALONG WITH OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS; AND NOTED THAT IT WAS NOW DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS: NON-CHARTER AMENDMENTS, CHARTER AMENDMENTS, AND NEW ADDITIONS TO CHARTER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMITE GIVE PRIORITY TO NON-CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSALS AND THAT PERHAPS TWO SMALL GROUPS COULD BE SET UP TO WORK DURING

NEXT GA TO STUDY "SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES" AND RATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES." HE CONTINUED THAT CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP SHOULD DISCUSS THREE SPECIFIC AREAS: MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY; DECOLONIZATION, CONSIDERING PERHAPS SPECIAL GA SESSION TO SURVEY REMAINING PROBLEMS; AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. HE SAID CO-SPONSORS DO NOT BELIEVE COMITE MANDATE RULES OUT SENDING CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO GA BEFORE COMITE FINISHES ITS WORK.

3. US POINTED OUT THAT ANNEXATION IS PROCEDURAL DECISION THAT CAN BE DISCUSSED LATER, BUT THAT DECISIONS HAS TO BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF WHAT GA INSTRUCTIONS SAY CAN OR CANNOT BE ANNEXED TO REPORT. LOND PROCEDURAL WRANGE FOLLOWED, WITH USSR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND GDR FIGHTING STRONGLY TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF MEXICO PAPER, ARGUING THAT IT WOULD ONLY DELAY COMITE IN ITS WORK (READING THE SECT STUDY) AND THIS VIOLATE ITS MANDATE. YUGOSLAVIA, ITALY, SIERRA LEONE, GREECE AND ROMANIA WELCOMED CONTRIBUTION OF MEXICO DELEGATION. US, UK, TURKEY, SAPON, AND FRANCE SAID GONZALEZ GALVEZ LIST COULD BE USEFUL IN WORK OF COMITE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT READING OF SECT STUDY BE FINISHED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. FINALLY, THE PAPER WAS AGREED TO HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY PRESENT (NOTWITHSTANDING FACT IT WAS ONLY IN ELGLISH) AND COMITE ADJOURNED TO WORKING GROUP MEETING WITH NO FURTHER PLENARY SCHEDULED.

4. US OPENED DISCUSSION OF PARA 82 BY SAYING NEW LOOK INTO WAYS DISPUTES DEVELOP CAN BE VERY USEFUL AND THATTHIRDPARTY SETTLEMENT CAN BE WAY OF GIVING MEANING TO EQUALITY OF STATES; THAT IS, BINDING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION HAS TENDENCY TO GIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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AS MUCH WEIGHT TO ARGUMENTS OF SMALL STATES AS TO LARGE, THEREBY BALANCING OUT ADVANTAGES (SUCH AS MILITARY OR ECONOMIC POWER) WHICH LARGER STATE MIGHT OTHERWISE ENJOY. US DELEGATE SAID WIDE VARIETY OF THINGS COULD BE DONE IN THID FIELD WITHOUT MODIFYING THE CHARTER. USSR AGREED THAT MUCH BENEFICIAL WORK COULD BE DONE WITHIN EXISTING FRAMEWORK BUT CAUTIONED REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF NOT COMPROMISING SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES. ECUADOR CALLED FOR NEW MACHINERY THAT WOULD PREVENT THE PROLONGATION OF DISPUTES.

5. WORKING GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN PM FEB. 28.
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